



Computational and Collaborative tools for Composite Materials



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Accelerated Insertion of Materials – Composites (AIM-C)

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AIM-C Alignment Tool

The objective of the AIM-C Program is to provide concepts, an approach, and tools that can accelerate the insertion of composite materials into DoD systems.

AIM-C Accomplishes This Three Ways

Methodology - Evaluates the historical roadblocks to effective implementation of composites and offers a process or protocol to eliminate these roadblocks and a strategy to expand the use of the systems and processes developed.

Product Development - Provides a software tool that facilitates evaluation of composite materials for various applications.

Demonstration/Validation - *Provides a mechanism for acceptance by primary users* of the system and validation by those responsible for certification of the applications in which the new materials may be used.

All tasks in Phase 1 support development of a Phase 2 Transition Program









Accelerated Insertion of Materials Is Achieved in AIM-C Methodology by

- Focusing on Real Insertion Needs (Designer Knowledge Base)
- Approach for coordinated use of
 - Existing <u>K</u>nowledge
 - Validated <u>Analysis tools</u>
 - Focused <u>Testing</u>
- Application of Physics Based Material & Structural Analysis Methods
- Use of Integrated Engineering Processes & Simulations
- Uncertainty Analysis and Management
 - Early Feature Based Demonstration
 - Tracking of Variability and Error Propagation Across Scales
- Rework Avoidance
- Disciplined approach for pedigree management

Orchestrated Knowledge Management to efficiently tie together the above elements to DKB









How Does the IPT Use AIM-C Methodology?











Knowledge Gathering











The AIM-C Process Uses an Integrated Product Team to Commit Data to the Knowledge Base









Use of AIM-C



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Web-Based System Delivery



Process Guidance and Risk Reduction Status





Handling Uncertainty – The AIM-C Approach

- The First Step is Identifying and Understanding potential error sources
 - Maintains Visibility of potential errors
 - Forces step-by-step breakdown of the analysis/test process
 - Forces agreement on responses of interest
- Classifying them allows the team to determine appropriate strategies for addressing them.
- Types:

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- Aleatory Uncertainty (Variability, Stochastic Uncertainty)
- Epistemic Uncertainty (Lack of Knowledge, e.g., unknown geometry)
- Known Errors (e.g., mesh convergence, round-off error)
- Unknown Errors (Mistakes, e.g. wrong material inputs used)







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Handling Uncertainty – The AIM-C Approach

Prior knowledge is useful in determining likelihood of

occurrence.

Example: Past experience with Similar designs suggest that 3/4 of Stiffened panel defects are:

- Delaminations
- Cure Cycle Inconformities
- Ply wrinkles, or
- Voids/Porosity



Tools such as DOE/ANOVA and Sensitivity Analysis are useful in quantifying a variable's influence on the result.







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Handling Uncertainty – The AIM-C Approach Quantifying Uncertainty

- If its important, and you can't remove it by design, quantify it.
- Testing or Probabilistic Analysis Tools are applied.







Data from Knowledge, Analysis, and Test Combined Data – Allowables with Uncertainty

•Data contain replicates => can estimate stress allowables (quantiles with confidence bands)

•RDCS allows simulation of physical data with sources of randomness including batch effects (aleatory or random uncertainty) => can simulate allowables.

•Combined data: allowables with uncertainty bands











What's the Benefit of AIM-C?

Traditional Test Supported by Analysis Approach



Time to Insertion Readiness

AIM Provides an Analysis Approach Supported by **Experience, Test and Demonstration**



Time to Insertion Readiness Reduced by 55%



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